IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

LOY ARLAN BRUNSON, in his personal capacity and as a member of "We The People,"

Plaintiff,

v.

ALMA S. ADAMS, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT

Case No. 2:21-cv-00175-RJS-CMR

Chief District Judge Robert J. Shelby

Magistrate Judge Cecilia M. Romero

Before court is pro se Plaintiff Loy Arlan Brunson's Motion for Entry of Default.¹ In it, Brunson moves for an entry of default against Defendant Michael Richard Pence "in his capacity as former Vice President of the United States of America." Brunson argues the Fourth Amended Complaint was served on Pence on April 22, 2022, "[a]s of May 23, 2022, Pence has failed to plead or otherwise defend this action," and therefore, "Brunson is entitled to judgment by default against Pence."³

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(2), "a United States officer . . . sued only in an official capacity must serve an answer to a complaint . . . within 60 days after service on the United States attorney." Sixty days have not yet passed since the service of Brunson's Fourth

¹ Dkt. 59.

² *Id.* at 1.

 $^{^{3}}$ *Id.* at 1–2.

⁴ Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2).

Amended Complaint.⁵ Therefore, the Motion for Default Judgment is premature. The Motion is, accordingly, DENIED.⁶

So ORDERED this 31st day of May, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERT J. SHE

United States Chief District Judge

⁵ See Dkt. 56 (Summons Returned Executed as to Michael Richard Pence on 05/03/2022).

⁶ Dkt. 59.